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Human rights award to be presented to Ken Pike (08/09/04)

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HAMPTON (CNB) - Ken Pike of Rothesay is this year's recipient of the New Brunswick Human Rights Award. Lt.-Gov. Herménégilde Chiasson will present the award at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 10, at the Hampton court house.

(Multimedia)

"It is a great honour to give this award to Ken Pike," said Gordon Porter, chair of the New Brunswick Human Rights Commission. "He is a hard-working man who makes a difference in people's lives through his achievements, his leadership and his efforts. He has worked at it for a very long time. He deserves this award. We are very proud of having him in our communities."

Pike has been involved with human rights since 1989. In that year, he switched from being a lawyer to become an employee of the Association for Community Living. He has worked for the organization provincially and regionally since then, and today he is the director of social policy for the New Brunswick Association for Community Living.

Pike has devoted his career and much of his personal life to helping persons with disabilities have the same choices, opportunities and independence as able-bodied New Brunswickers. He believes that every New Brunswicker - regardless of ability - deserves the same respect and the right to be heard.

The selection of a human rights award recipient is based on exceptional achievement as a volunteer to promote human rights and equality in New Brunswick - or elsewhere in Canada - as defined in the *Human Rights Act*.

For more information on the New Brunswick Human Rights Award, visit http://www.gnb.ca/hrc-cdp/index-e.asp. More information on this year's recipient may be found online.

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